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2. The biggest problem for the Communists in connection with the operation of an air line is the procurement of parts, fuel and other aviation products which are produced in the United States and banned for export to Communist China**. New stocks of aviation gasoline are needed but all firms refuse to ship to the Communists***.

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Comment. The Communists originally announced that, when the Hong Kong Government released the CATC and CMAC planes, the planes would be available for lease to interested parties. Since the decision, which was in favor of the Communists, Communist statements indicate that the planes will not be leased as planned but will be operated by the Chinese Communist Government over air routes which will be on a limited scale but will include the China-USSR link.

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Comment. At the time of the Communist takeover aviation gasoline

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(in U.S. gallons) in China were as follows:

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Canton	28,200	30,000	3,000		
Kunming	9,300		3,000		
Nanning				10,000	
Chungking	6,700				
Hankow			9,000		
Swatow		1,400			
Foochow	20,300	1,700			
Amoy	14,700	23,000	25,000		
Shanghai	1,690,000	87,000	450,000	135,000	
Tientsin	208,000	11,300	37,000		
Tsingtao					90,000
Changsha	80,000				

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The only supply of aviation oil was 27,000 gallons belonging to

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